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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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For: **Mutant DNA Polymerases and Uses Thereof**
Inventors: Deb K. Chatterjee
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. SKGF Cover Letter;
2. Reply After Final Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;
3. A photocopy of the Request by Applicants for Interference Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.607 filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 4, 2001;
4. A photocopy of the PTO date-stamped postcard verifying filing of the Request by Applicants for Interference Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.607 on December 4, 2001; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

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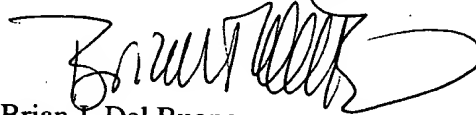
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necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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